Solo Leveling

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BLAZE
FWOOOOOSH

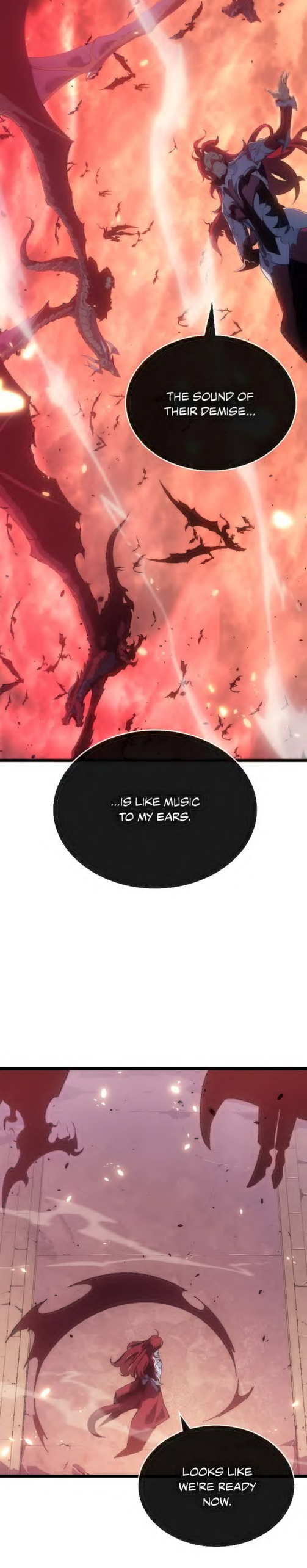
URGH...!!
DAMN IT... I SHOULD'VE SEEN THIS COMING.
SINCE MY SHADOW ARMY ONLY GETS STRONGER AS THE BATTLE DRAGS ON,
THE ENEMY IS TRYING TO SHORTEN THE FIGHT BY GATHERING ALL THEIR FORCES IN A SINGLE LOCATION...!
THE MONARCHS OPENED ALL EIGHT GATES AS IF THEY WERE CARRYING ON AS PLANNED...

...AND SENT ALL THEIR FORCES TO THE GATE FURTHEST AWAY FROM ME.
GOING THERE NOW WILL ONLY START AN ALL-OUT WAR...
MY PLAN TO BUY TIME HAS GONE DOWN THE DRAIN.
I'VE MESSED UP BIG TIME.
MR. SUNG...
S, SIR... CANADA IS...

IS THERE REALLY NOTHING I CAN DO?

I CAN HEAR THE PULSING HEARTS OF THESE LIVING CREATURES...

...AND THEIR SCREAMS...


THE SOUND OF THEIR DEMISE...
...IS LIKE MUSIC TO MY EARS.
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE READY NOW.

DESTROY EVERYTHING IN SIGHT!
THAT IS OUR SOLE MISSION!!

THEY'RE PROBABLY ALL DEAD BY NOW.
JACK DANIEL'S
Tennessee WHISKEY
THE HUNTERS, THE AGENTS, THE REPORTERS WHO WERE FILMING ON-SITE...
THERE WERE HUNDREDS OF DRAGONS... FOLLOWED BY A TIDAL WAVE OF GIANTS, BEASTS, AND INSECTS.
THIS DISASTER IS BEYOND HUMAN INTERVENTION.
THEY'RE ALL DEAD. IT'S OVER!

IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THE BEASTS CROSS INTO AMERICA...
NOW I UNDERSTAND WHY SUNG JINWOO URGED EVERYONE TO RUN AS FAR AWAY FROM THE GATES AS POSSIBLE.
THE WORLD IS DONE FOR...
THAT'S RIGHT... THIS IS THE END.

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M, MR. SUNG?
SORRY FOR POPPING IN LIKE THIS, BUT THERE'S SOMETHING I NEED.
THE RUNE STONE.
PLEASE GIVE ME THE RUNE STONE KAMISH LEFT BEHIND.
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BUT MR. SUNG...
AS YOU KNOW, THE FEDERAL BUREAU IS IN CHARGE OF KAMISH'S RUNE STONE...

WHAT THE HELL AM I SAYING? THE FEDERAL BUREAU ISN'T IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW.
THAT RUNE STONE WILL MEAN NOTHING IF THE ENTIRE COUNTRY IS RAZED TO THE GROUND.

MY APOLOGIES. IT SEEMS I HAVEN'T SOBERED UP YET.

I CAN GET YOU THAT RUNE STONE.
BUT WHAT DO YOU NEED IT FOR?

I'M GOING TO USE IT FOR A COUNTERATTACK.

YOU SAID...
...THOSE "RULERS" SENT THE BEASTS HERE.
WHIRRR
THEN WHAT EXACTLY ARE THESE RUNE STONES WE FOUND INSIDE THEIR BODIES?

THEY'RE GIFTS FROM THE RULERS THAT ARE MEANT TO HELP US HUMANS HUNT THE BEASTS WITH MORE EFFICIENCY.
THE RULERS WANT US TO FIGHT THEM WITH ALL OUR MIGHT, SO THAT MANA IS SPREAD THROUGHOUT THIS WORLD.
ANY DAMAGE WE HUMANS SUFFER IS A SIDE EFFECT OF THAT, RATHER THAN THEIR ULTIMATE GOAL.
WHEN A BEAST DIES, THEIR ABILITIES ARE AUTOMATICALLY SEALED IN A STONE.
THE RULERS CREATED THESE RUNE STONES TO HELP THE HUMANS HUNT THE BEASTS.
IS THIS REALLY ALL YOU NEED TO STOP THE BEASTS?

THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT.

BY THE WAY, MAY I ASK YOU FOR ANOTHER FAVOR?

I WASN'T EXPECTING A VISITOR AT A TIME LIKE THIS.

YOU'RE...
...NOT THE SAME PERSON I KNEW IN THE PAST.

BEFORE, THE DARKNESS DWELLED DEEP WITHIN YOU.
BUT NOW, YOU'RE DARKNESS ITSELF.
I'M STILL THE SAME PERSON YOU REMEMBER, MS. SELNER.
THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IS THAT I'VE BECOME ONE WITH THE DARKNESS YOU SAW INSIDE ME.

YOU SAID YOU CAN SEE THE FUTURE, RIGHT?

MAY I ASK YOU TO LOOK INTO MY FUTURE AS WELL?

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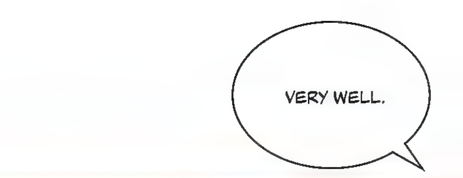
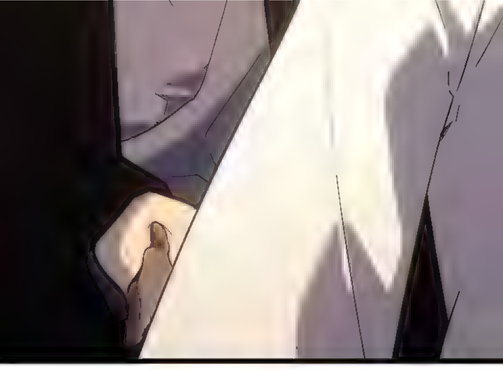

VERY WELL.

GRAB

MR. SUNG...

ARE YOU REALLY...

...GOING TO SHOULDER EVERYTHING ALONE?

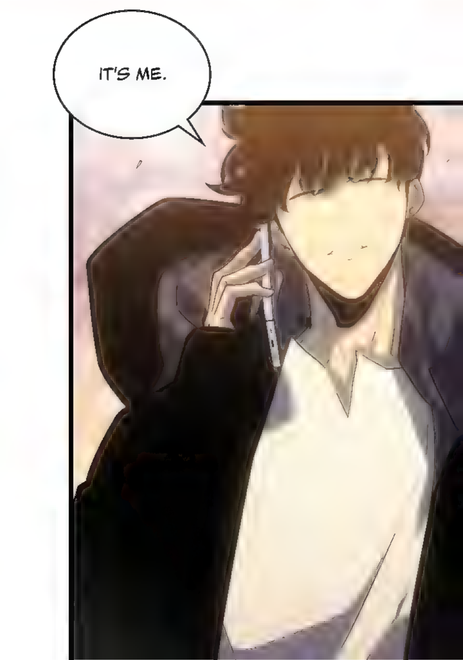


BUT HOW...?
HOW CAN ONE PERSON CARRY SUCH A CRUEL BURDEN...?
ARE YOU PLANNING ON SACRIFICING YOURSELF FOR THE GREATER GOOD?

WHAT A RELIEF. THAT MEANS MY PLAN WILL WORK.
A RELIEF, YOU SAY?!
NO ONE WILL BE ABLE TO REMEMBER YOU. IT WILL BE A LONESOME BATTLE!
PLEASE EXCUSE ME FOR BARGING IN AND ASKING FOR FAVORS LIKE THIS.
FSSSHHH
MR. SUNG!!

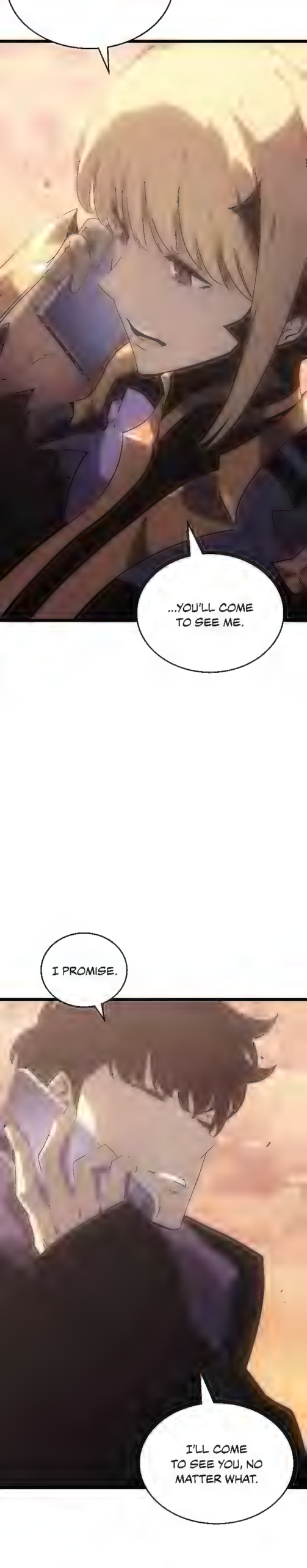
SEWD

TAP


IT'S ME.

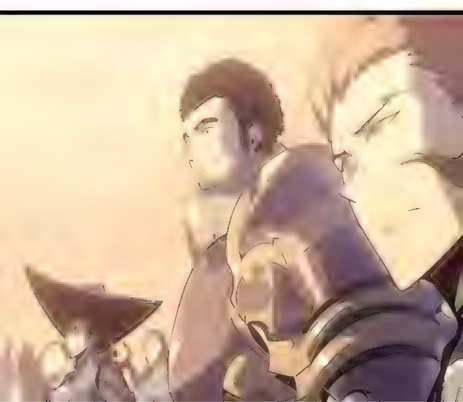
JINWOO?
IS THAT REALLY YOU?
YES. I'M SORRY I COULDN'T CALL. I'VE BEEN PRETTY BUSY RECENTLY.
NO WORRIES. I'VE BEEN BUSY MYSELF.
RIGHT. WE HAVEN'T SEEN EACH OTHER IN A WHILE.

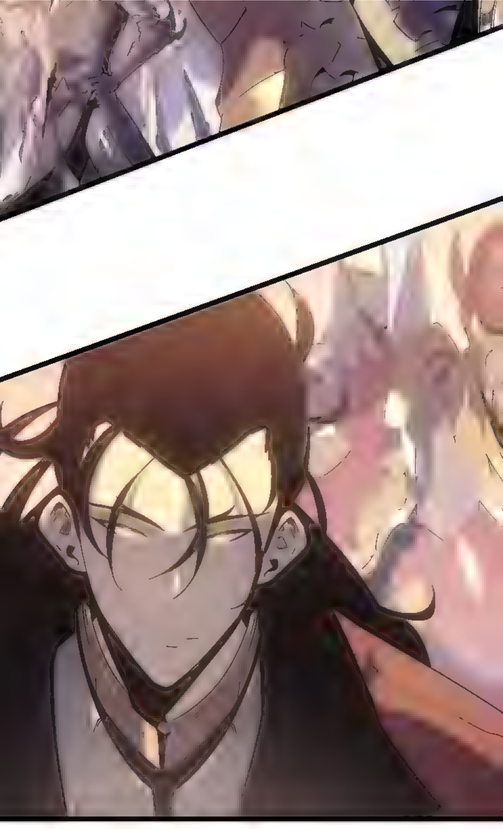
PROMISE ME...


...YOU'LL COME TO SEE ME.
I PROMISE.
I'LL COME TO SEE YOU, NO MATTER WHAT.

SQUEEZE

WE SHOULD GET GOING NOW.
OH, RIGHT!



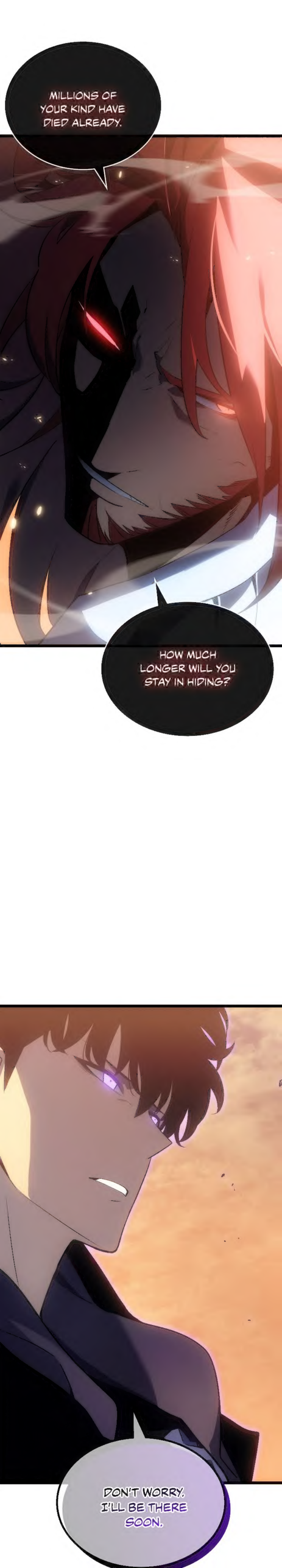


THE ASIAN HUNTER ALLIANCE,
THE EUROPEAN HUNTER UNION,
THE AFRICAN GUILD COALITION,
AND THE CHINESE EMERGENCY
RESPONSE UNION...

HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF HUNTERS WERE HEADING TO THE BATTLEFIELD.

GLINT
WHOOOOSH

FLASH


MILLIONS OF YOUR KIND HAVE DIED ALREADY.
HOW MUCH LONGER WILL YOU STAY IN HIDING?
DON'T WORRY. I'LL BE THERE SOON.

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